

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4-5, 14-18, and 20-21 have been amended and claims 11-13 and 16 have been canceled, leaving claims 1-10, 14-15, and 17-23 pending upon entry of the present amendment.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Antecedent basis for the amendments to claim 1 can be found at least at page 15, lines 11-15. The remaining amendments change the antecedent basis for the claims, and conform the claims to the language of claim 1.

Prior to responding to the Examiner's Restriction, Applicants note that the above amendments have rendered moot the restriction between Group I (Claims 1-6 and 21-23) and Group III (Claims 11-16). The amendments have also rendered moot the restriction between Group II (Claims 7-10) and Group IV (Claims 17-20). The basis for these restriction is that the inventions were unrelated, and in particular had different modes of operation.

Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 as amended is directed to a single mode of operation, rendering this restriction moot. Should the Examiner decide that an election of species is now necessary, applicants hereby elect the species of donor compounds set forth in Claims 4-5 and Claims 17-20. Claims 1-3, 6-10, and 21-23 also read on this species.


In response to the Examiner's Restriction dated, December 9, 2003, Applicants hereby elect prosecution of Group II, claims 7-10, with traverse. It is believed that this restriction is improper because insofar as applicants are aware, the product claimed cannot be made by another process.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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